

JANUARY 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: SHAWN PROCTOR

PUBLIC BUILDING SERVICE

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SUBJECT: WATER LEAK

 $6^{\text{TH}},\,5^{\text{TH}},\,4^{\text{TH}},\,3^{\text{RD}}$ and 2^{ND} TH FLOORS

3101 PARK CENTER DR. WASHINGTON. DC

On January 12, 2010, the GSA Safety, Environment, & Fire Protection Branch conducted a limited visual inspection and moisture screening of water impacted areas of the 3101 Park Center Building. The inspection was conducted in response to a water leak that originated on the 6th Floor. The following is a summary regarding the inspection:

- James Hodges, Industrial Hygienist, from GSA Safety was on site to conduct a
 visual inspection of the affected areas. A Protimeter Moisture Meter was used to
 determine if affected surfaces have retained high moisture content or if surfaces
 have been sufficiently dried. Linda Freeman (GSA Building Manager) also
 participated in the inspection.
- The water leak occurred on January 4, 2010, and was caused by a failure/break in a water line coupler on the 6th Floor.
- During the survey no odors were noted in the water impacted area. The majority of the water impacted drywall was removed prior to the inspection.

All surfaces were dry at the time of the inspection, with the exception of one isolated section of drywall at the window frame in Room 326.

Findings/Recommendations:

Corrective actions executed by the Building Owner to mitigate the water impacted areas thus far have been sufficient. The following additional corrective actions should be implemented immediately to address future microbial growth.

• The small section (approximately 1' x 2') of drywall in Room 326 should be removed utilizing protocols outlined in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document "Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings". This document is available at the following web site link:

http://www.epa.gov/iag/molds/images/moldremediation.pdf.

• The fiberglass insulation behind the water impacted drywall should also be discarded. No further actions are recommended at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-708-5253.